



Washington
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Food and Feed Facility Registration Renewals 2012

In order to assist the food industry in meeting the requirements of the new FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), the Washington State Department of Agriculture recommends that you register online, if possible. The processing time for receiving your registration number and documentation from FDA is shorter. Please maintain a copy of your registration documentation. It may be requested during a site visit by either the FDA or WSDA.

For further information on registration, please contact:

WSDA Homeland Security Coordinator, (360) 725-5508, email: dhodgeboom@agr.wa.gov



Food and Feed Facility Registration Now Open for Renewals

The Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Bioterrorism Act) and the new FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA) direct the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to take additional steps to protect the public from a threatened or actual terrorist attack on the U.S. food supply and other food-related emergencies.

All food facilities that are required to register with FDA as a food facility must register between October 1st and December 31st in the even numbered years. To determine if your firm needs to register with FDA as a food facility, see pages 4 to 6 of the FDA Guidance Document (*What You Need to Know About Registration of Food Facilities*) found at:

<http://www.fda.gov/downloads/Food/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/GuidanceDocuments/FoodDefenseandEmergencyResponse/UCM113877.pdf>

NOTE: The FDA Guidance Document (2003) has not been updated yet, but since there are no changes in the types of food facilities that must register, this portion of the guidance document is still valid.

To facilitate this process, FDA is offering technical assistance online and through the help desk. Please check [FDA's food facility registration website](#) for more information and to register online.

Registrants can submit registration renewals to FDA using the online food facility registration module or paper Form FDA 3537.

Read more on [registration under the FSMA](#).

Additional Information

For more information on FDA's Food Safety Modernization Act, visit <http://www.fda.gov/fsma>.

Guidance for Industry: Necessity of the Use of Food Product Categories in Food Facility Registrations and Updates to Food Product Categories

<http://www.fda.gov/Food/GuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation/GuidanceDocuments/ucm324778.htm>